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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF WRITER AND G308/PKI DETAINEE SITOR SITUMORANG

1. USAID OFFICER HAS LEARNED THAT PROMINENT LEFTIST AND CULTURAL FIGURE SITOR SITUMORANG, WHO WAS DETAINED FOR ALLEGED PKI CONNECTIONS AFTER 1965, WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON ON DECEMBER 31, 1974. SITUMORANG HAD BEEN HELD AS A CLASS B PRISONER AT SALEMBA PRISON IN JAKARTA. SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS SITUMORANG'S SON.

2. SITUMORANG WAS WELL KNOWN LEFTIST POET, WRITER AND DRAMATIST WHO WAS VERY ACTIVE IN NATIONAL PARTY (PNI) POLITICAL/CULTURAL ACTIVITIES DURING SUKARNO ERA. IN 1963 HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF INDONESIA ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR AFRO-ASIAN WRITERS' CONFERENCE IN BALI, WHICH WAS VEHICLE FOR ANTI-WESTERN, PRO-PEKING RESOLUTIONS. IN 1964 HE WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL CULTURAL INSTITUTE, A PNI FRONT.

3. SITUMORANG SPENT FOURTEEN MONTHS IN U.S. IN 1956-57 ON ROCKEFELLER FELLOWSHIP STUDYING CINEMATOGRAPHY AT USC AND THEATER IN NEW YORK. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY STUDIED IN HOLLAND, FRANCE AND JAPAN. HE WON PRIZES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDONESIAN LITERATURE IN 1955-56, AND A

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